COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, November 12th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith, in the chair; Ald. Cowan, Boyd, O'Meara, Moore, Labatt, Skinner Hunt, Stringer, Browne, Becher, and A. S. Abbott, city clerk. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

MR. NASH'S COMPLAINT.

Mr. Benj. Nash was, on motion, allowed to address the Council with reference to the charges he had brought against Inspector Bell. Referred to Committee No. 3.

STANDARD TIME.

Mr. E. B. Reed addressed the board, advising the adoption of the new standard time. He said it had been adopted in Toronto, and at midnight on the 17th inst. the city clock's would be turned on twenty minutes. He said the change here would amount to 23 or 24 minutes. Making the, city time in harmony with railway time would prove a great public convenience. Kingston had done so, and Hamilton intended to take the same action, and now London was asked to fall in line. He read a letter on the subject,

Moved by Ald. Labatt, seconded by Ald. Stringer, and carried:

> That in compliance with the communication of the deputy superintendent of the Meteorological Office of Toronto, the new standard time, to come into operation on the 18th day of November, inst., on the principal railway lines in the United States and Canada, be adopted as the time of this city, and that this Council petition the Dominion Government to make the standard time general over the Dominion.

RAILWAY VS. SCHOOL.

The following deputation, Messrs. Chas. A. Kingston, chairman, R. Bayly and A. McBride, of the Board of Education, addressed the Board, asking that some steps be taken to meet the difficulty to be occasioned by the construction of the London Junction Railway. It was contended that the new line, in addition to the G. T. R. now existing, would render the Central School building practically useless for teaching purposes. It was advised that a new school site be procured, say near the military buildings, and it was suggested that the present one might be sold to the London Junction authorities as a terminus. The matter was referred to No. 1 Committee.

COMMUNICATIONS.

John Rollison, city clerk of St. Catharines —Copy of memorial to the Ontario Legislature proposing certain changes in connection with the regulation of police forces. No. 1.

Robert Coate—Asking return of $4 50, being amount of Wellington street sewer rates said to have been illegally collected for two years. No. 1.

Chas. W. Kent—Asking permission to move a frame building at corner of Richmond and Lichfield streets. Granted.

Benjamin Slade and 39 others—A petition asking that permission be granted for the sale of fresh pork in the Market Bazar in less quantities than by the quarter. No. 3.

John Park and nine others, occupants of Covent Garden Market—Complaining that the occupants of the Market Bazar are being allowed undue privileges regarding the sale of fresh meat, and asking the Council to stop any further steps in this direction. No. 3.

Mrs. Kent, president of the W. C. A.—Asking a money grant for the association.

City Solicitor—Letter in reference to bylaws submitted. No. 3.

J. H. Flock, solicitor—Copy of report adopted by the London East Town Council, according to which the terms for water supply offered by the city are to be submitted by bylaw for the approval or otherwise of the ratepayers of the town. No. 3.

Rev. W. Hawkins, pastor of the B. M. E. Church, Grey street—Asking the free use of the City Hall on the night of Nov. 28 for a religious concert. Granted.

Rev. J. W. P. Smith, rector, and Justus

Wright and Francis Robinson, wardens of Christ Church—Petition for the construction of a drain. No. 2.

John Porter—Asking a position in the Fire Department. No. 3.

Thomas Nicholson—Complaining of the bad condition of King street opposite the market scales, and asking the construction of a crossing. No. 2.

Marshall & Stevenson—Asking a lease of City Hall arcade office for five years. No. 1.

LEASING A STORE.

A bylaw was read authorizing a lease of city hall store to Thos. Tracy, barber, said store having previously been occupied by John Burridge. Passed.

A SEWER.

A bylaw was read providing for the construction of a sewer on Ridout, between King and York streets. Passed.

LEASE OF STALLS.

A bylaw was read providing for the lease of stalls Nos. 8 and 9, Market Bazar, to Geo Deacon for five years. Passed.

FIRE LIMITS.

A bylaw exempting the block of property bounded by Wellington, Bathurst, Waterloo and York streets from the provision of the fire limit bylaw was introduced for the second reading.

Ald. Boyd moved that the bylaw be read a second time; Ald. Becher seconded.

Ald. Hunt moved in amendment that the bylaw be amended by adding that block bounded by Clarence, York, Wellington and King streets. Ald. Stringer seconded. Lost. Third reading moved and carried. Yeas—Ald. Cowan, O'Meara, Skinner, Stringer, Boyd and Becher. Nays—Labatt, Hunt and Moore.

REPORT NO, 3 COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman: 1. That the lease of stalls in Market Bazar be so amended that pork may be sold by the lessees by the quarter.

2. That the gas lamp on the corner of Picton street and Queen's avenue be moved out in a line with the new sidewalk.

3. That the petition of the Skating Rink Company and C. A. Kingston for new street lamps be filed.

4. That in the matter of John B. Gosling, he be notified he is not in the fire limits.

5 That the petition of John Park be not granted.

6. The following accounts passed the Committee: Wm. Scott, carpenter, work on the market weigh scales, $93 45; Wm. Scott, on shingling Market House, $75; ditto, $225; Bowman & Co., coal for City Hall, $7 67; for Fire Department, $9 10; for Police Department, $18 89; Geo. T. Dodd, Hospital additions, $403 15; E. Rogers & Co., Hospital addition, plumbing, $1[illegible]0; Geo. T. Dodd, Hospital addition, $125; ditto, $95; Henry Colerick, Hospital addition, $35; Geo. Slade, Hospital addition, $300; Bennet Manufacturing Company, Hospital addition, $200; H. M. Douglas, street watering, [illegible]00; Henry Colerick, Hospital addition, $25; ditto, $25.

7. That the following hospital accounts be paid: Pay sheet $67 75; to J. Reid, crockery, $17 56; Jas. Perkins, meat, $118 10; John Ranahan, bread, $35 80; W. Stevely, stoves, $79 42; W. T. Brunton & Son, cotton, etc., $91 14; Jas. F. Hunt, renovating feathers, $5; J. S. Marshall, ambulance to hospital, $7; S. Cooper, milk, $55 15; A. D. Cameron, coal, $57 38; Tytler & Bullen, groceries, $165 58; John Sussex, twenty iron bedsteads, $140; Geo. Rendell, coal, $65 18; C. McCallum, drugs, $61 10. Total, $999 16

8. That the House Surgeon's attached report be recommended for adoption, and the Chairman authorized to purchase necessary carpet.

9 Your Committee beg to report that, after investigating the charges made by Mr. Nash against Inspector Bell, they find no foundation for the same, and that so far as the evidence went your Inspector only did his duty in the matter.

Ald. Stringer moved, and Ald. Becher seconded, that the first clause be struck out. Carried.

NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Browne, chairman:

1. Payment of the commissioners' pay roll for week ending October 31: $18[illegible] 50; Victoria Park, $7 50. Commissioners' pay roll for week ending November 8: $175 02. Total, $36[illegible] 02. Wm. Anthistle, gravel for Victoria Park, $191 20; for Board of Works, $41 25; Scranton & Gibson, Dundas street sewer, $4[illegible]; Moses Cox, Park avenue sewer, $200; Wm. Smith, William street sewer, $100; Pearce & Weld, road scraper, $25; John Bryan, inspection, $20; Wm. Anthistle, gravel, $59 31; Ferguson, lumber, $78 85; John Bryan, sewer inspection, $24.

2. Your committee recommend that the sum of $20 be paid to Mr. John Wilson from the flood relief fund in full of claim.

3. That the Hon. John Carling be permitted to lay down a land tile sewer on Piccadilly street to drain Adelaide street lot, the city to bear one half of the cost.

4. That a bylaw be passed for the construction of a sewer on Ridout street, between King and York.

The Mayor left the chair, which was taken by Ald. Hunt.

Taken up clause by clause; first, second and third read and passed.

Ald Moore moved, in amendment that the clauses be referred back to committee. Lost. Yeas, Stringer and Moore.

REPORT OF NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Becher in the absence of the chairman.

1. Payment of the following hospital accounts: Pay sheet, $67 75; W. J. Reid & Co., $17 56; James Perkins, $118; John Ranahan, $35 80; Wm. Stevely, $79 42; W. T. Brunton & Son, $91 14; James F. Hunt, $5; J. S. Marshall, $7; Samuel Cooper, $55 15; A. D. Cameron, $57 38; Tytler & Bullen, $165 58; John Sussex, $140; Geo. Rendell, $65 18; C. McCallum, $64 10. Total, $999 16. Relief accounts—Tytler & Bullen, $44; Geo. McNeill, $59 39. Total, $103 39. Insurance accounts—British American, $1[illegible]; Fire Insurance Company, $7 50. Total, $17 50. Market expendisure—William Scott, repairs, $91 45. Police Department—Bowman & Co., $18 89; A. D. Cameron, $16 48; total, $35 87. Fire Department, coal—Bowman & Co., $9 10; A. D. Cameron, $17 51; total, $26 61. City Hall, coal—Bowman & Co., $7 67; A. D. Cameron, $89 53; total, $97 20; incidental expense, J. S. Marshall, $5. Total, $1,377 68.

2 That the petition of Geo. Cox for remission of taxes for 1883 on an unoccupied house be referred to the Court of Revision.

3. That the petition of Mrs. Mackie for remission of taxes be fyled.

4. That the petition of Jane Guyman for remission of taxes for 1882 and 1883 be granted by remitting taxes for 1882, amounting to $8 80.

5. Your committee beg to report progress on the solicitor's letter, re Robt. Cootes, sewer rate.

6. Your committee beg to submit the Police Court Clerk's report for October. Amount of fines and fees paid treasurer, $379 25; balance carried to November, $13 01.

7. Your committee beg to submit a bylaw appointing collector for northern roll, and would recommend the name of John K. Clare as collector. Passed. Report received and adopted.

APPOINTING A COLLECTOR.

A bylaw was read appointing John K. Clare as collector for the northern division of the city. Passed.

FREE SERVICE

Ald. Stringer moved, and Ald. Boyd seconded, that the Water Commissioners be requested to extend the time for granting free water services for one year from November 1, 1883.

Ald. Becher moved in amendment, seconded by Ald. Moore:

That the Water Commissioner be requested to grant hereafter free service from mains laid down after this date, and only for the period of one year from their being so laid down respectively.

Lost on the following division: Yeas—Ald. Labatt, Hunt, Moore and Becher. Nays—Ald. Cowan, O'Meara, Skinner, Browne, Stringer and Boyd.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Ald. Boyd—At the next meeting of the Council I will move that a bylaw be passed exempting from the provisions of the fire Limit Bylaw thas block of land bounded by Clarence, Wellington, York and King streets.

Adjourned.